## United States Environmental Protection Agency Region III POLLUTION REPORT

Date:

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

From:

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To:

Rita Tate, EPA

Linda Marzulli, EPA

Subject: POLREP #1 AND FINAL

Downtown Used Auto Parts 316 E. 22nd Street, Norfolk, VA

Latitude: 36.8689 Longitude: -76.2897

POLREP No.:

Site #:

A3GW

Reporting Period: 9/26/06-10/10/07 D.O. #:

Response Authority: CERCLA

Start Date:

9/26/2006

Response Type:

Emergency

Mob Date:

9/26/2006 Completion Date: 10/11/2007

**NPL Status:** 

Non NPL

CERCLIS ID #:

**Incident Category:** 

Removal Assessment

RCRIS ID #:

Contract #

# Site Description

On September 25, 2006, EPA was contacted by the Norfolk Fire Dept. An investigation by the Fire Marshall's office led fire officials to suspect that wastes from the facility were being dumped directly into the environment. EPA was requested to assist with sampling.

### **Current Activities**

OSC Wagner contacted START and tasked them to respond to the Site on 9/26/06. According to Fire Dept. officials, a representative from the company and/or his attorney were expected to be present to provide EPA access.

On 9/26/07, EPA (OSC Wagner and OSC Casillas) arrived on scene with START at 10 am. The Norfolk Fire Dept., VDEM, and VDEQ were also present. Norfolk Fire officials informed EPA they were awaiting a representative from the facility.

As of noon, no representative arrived. EPA did not access the facility since access had not been obtained. The Norfolk Fire Dept. proceeded to obtain a legal access warrant, which would also list EPA. OSC Wagner consulted with EPA ORC and followed ORC's advice not to access the property. EPA did not access the property at this time or any time during the sampling event.

Since access could not be obtained, OSC Wagner asked Fire Department officials to identify the legal owner of the stree (E. 22nd St.) adjacent to the facility. The Captain from the Norfolk Fire Dept verified that this was City property. OSC Wagner requested permission to sample this property in order to determine if there was possible offsite migration.

Samples were collected in the street area at least 50 feet from the facility fenceline. The surface was compact so only surface soils (0-2 inches) were collected.

Four surface soil samples were collected for semi-volatile organic contaminants, pesticides, and PCBs.

The data was received from the laboratory in October of 2006. Sample results indicated low levels of semi-volatile organic contaminants (less than 10 ppm). All PCB and pesticide concentrations detected were qualified as they were all close to the method detection limit. None of the contaminants were detected in quantities which may pose an imminent and substantial threat to public health, welfare, or the environment.

However, the question still arose as to whether wastes were possibly being dumped inside of the building. The OSC continued coordination with CI L. Richardson who initiated efforts to pursue access.

On May 16, 2007, CI Richardson obtained access for EPA to perform a Site walkthrough. OSC Wagner visited the Site and met with the owner's representative. A pit which had formerly been in the garage area was filled with concrete. The owner informed EPA by telephone that the pit was lined and that no materials were dumped directly onto the ground.

The Site is located in an industrial area. Drinking water in the area is provided by a municipal water system. There is no direct contact threat to materials which may be used in the facility.

Based on these findings, the OSC recommends no further action.

#### Planned Removal Actions

No further action planned. Case closed.

### **Key Issues**

The only costs incurred for this Site are removal assessment 104(e) costs. No removal action taken or anticipated.

No threat discovered based on sampling results and onsite visit.

OSC recommends no further action.

### Estimated Costs \*

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
Intramural Costs				
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

<sup>\*</sup> The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an

exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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